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NSC FOR DR. BRZEZINSKI ONLY FROM OKSENBERG

E. O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)  
SUBJECT: FIRST DAY IN PEKING

1. AIRPORT WELCOME, BANQUET TOAST, CONVERSATION ON FIRST DAY, AND SUPERFICIAL IMPRESSIONS OF PARTY CONGRESS RESULTS AND OF MOOD OF PEKING ALL SUGGEST CHINESE MAY BE IN A RECPTIVE FRAME OF MIND. IT IS TOO EARLY TO SAY HOW THEY WILL REACT, BUT THEY CLEARLY ARE ATTENTIVE AND PREPARED SERIOUSLY TO LISTEN TO OUR PRESENTATIONS.

2. WE DO NOT YET HAVE A SENSE OF THEIR LIKELY RESPONSE. HOWEVER, THEIR BANQUET TOAST DID NOT REPEAT NOT EXPLICITLY MENTION TAIWAN AND DID NOT REPEAT NOT CONDEMN DETENTE OR AMERICAN WEAKNESS. A RATHER BOILERPLATE SECTION OF HUA'S PARTY CONGRESS SPEECH ASSERTED PEKING'S CLAIM TO TAIWAN AND ITS RIGHT TO USE WHATEVER MEANS IT WISHES TO "LIBERATE" TAIWAN. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE REFERENCE WAS STANDARD.

3. FROM OUR VANTAGE, VANCE'S PRESENTATION OF OUR  
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GLOBAL POLICY WENT WELL, THOUGH WE HAVE YET TO HEAR THE CHINESE RESPONSE BUT THE PRESENTATION WAS DIGNIFIED, FORTHCOMING, AND PRECISE. IT CONVEYED THE COHERENCE, CONSTANCY, AND CREDIBILITY WHICH WE HAD SOUGHT. IT PLACED PROPER WEIGHT ON OUR RELATIONS WITH OUR ALLIES AND ADDRESSED OUR STRATEGY AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION

IN A PROPERLY REALISTIC TONE. I WAS PROUD TO BE IN THE ROOM.

4. TOMORROW WE ADDRESS NORMALIZATION. THE CHINESE CLEARLY WISH TO ACCELERATE THE RATE OF OUR PRESENTATION AND VANCE PROPERLY HAS SENSED THAT HE SHOULD RESPOND ACCORDINGLY.

5. HUANG HUA AT PRESENT IS OUR INTERLOCUTOR. THIS MAY CHANGE AS WE PROGRESS.

6. GANBEI TO YOU ALL. MIKE OKSENBERG.  
VANCE

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